

your light is next. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. And I was on the wrong amendment for a little while. I think we had the wrong one.... We got the right one on the board. As I understand this amendment it would require the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to do an accounting of the costs incurred by the board in preparing this plan required by this bill, including personnel, printing and associated costs. And so I am handing out an amendment to this amendment. And I don't want Senator Withem to take it the wrong way but I think there is a point to be made here. My amendment says that in addition to that, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall specify the costs incurred by the board in preparing to resist, resisting and lobbying against legislative bills which propose to sell all or any part of the educational lands in the last 25 years, including this bill. Now, everyone here is aware that anytime anyone proposes to sell any of this land that the first thing they do is hire two or three lobbyists, and that's got to be a pretty penny, I would think, more than the printing or personnel costs associated in preparing this plan, I would surmise. They see fit to pay farm managers very well, from all I can tell, higher than the private market pays them. They have some of the highest 25 salaries for state people, and I have a clipping here, I haven't handed out, on that. They seem to have the money to do what they want to do. They have their own office building, they don't have to share some of the cramped up quarters that some of our other folks have to live with down here in the state office buildings. And that's fine, I'm not.... But I think when you bring something like this and you're saying, well, it's going to cost something to have this plan prepared, and we need to know that that money is going to come out of what the kids get to support them, then I think we need to also acknowledge that they have spent money in the past, whether it means going to Hawaii for a convention or whatever, that isn't necessarily all funneling into the coffers of the school kids. And we're asking them to do something on time that they're already being paid for, for heaven sakes. They're drawing good salaries, we're asking.... They should be doing this anyway. If they were complying with their fiduciary duties, I would submit that they would look every so often at whether it is best for them to sell 25 percent of the land, or 50 percent, or 75 percent, they would be doing that on a periodic basis, and doing the analysis or hiring someone to do